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the Notification. That is, the Notification indicates that certain items must be filed in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 USC §371 however no such items are listed on page 1 of the Notification. Items indicated as being required are listed on page 2 of the Notification with an indication that the due date for providing these items is "set forth below". No such time period is indicated however. The present Amendment is in response to the Notification and is submitted to be timely however the Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise. A cover sheet with charge authorization is attached in the event the Commissioner believes any fees are required for consideration and entry of the present Amendment.

Attached are paper and computer-readable copies of a Sequence Listing for inclusion in the present specification. No new matter has been added. The attached paper and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

The undersigned respectfully submits that 35 USC §371 does not require submission of the attached Sequence Listing for completion of the required elements for national phase filing. Any indication to the contrary in the Notification of February 27, 2002, is therefore not understood and the Office is requested to advise the undersigned regarding the same.

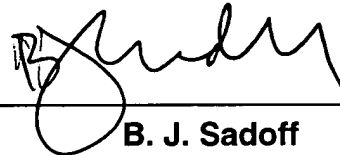
An early and favorable Action on the merits of the presently claimed invention is requested.

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